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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS
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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 6432

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, RP, YO, VS

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT YUGOSLAVIA PROTECT PRG INTERESTS IN PHIL-
IPPINES

1. FRENCH SOURCE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT HAS
BEEN ASKED TO PROTECT SOUTH VIETNAM INTERESTS IN MANILA. EMBOFF
DISCUSSED REPORT WITH DFA (SEVERINO, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
UNDERSECRETARY COLLANTES) MAY 12. SEVERINO SAID HE HAD HEARD
NOTHING ABOUT SUCH A REQUEST. HE THOUGHT REPORT UNLIKELY SINCE
YUGOSLAVS HAVE NO RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN MANILA. BEGIN FYI:
YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IS RESIDENT IN TOKYO. END FYI.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REPORT WITH FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICER MAY 13.
HE SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING MESSAGE REQUESTING GOP PERMIT
YUGOSLAVS PROTECT SVN INTERESTS IN MANILA HAD COME FROM HANOI.
WHEN EMBOFF SAID DFA PROFESSED NOT TO BE AWARE OF REQUEST,
FRENCHMAN SAID THIS QUITE POSSIBLE SINCE THIS REQUEST
APPARENTLY RELAYED DIRECTLY TO GEN. ROMULO. HE SPECULATED
THAT IF REPORT PROVES TRUE, IT WAS INTERESTING PRG HAD
CHOSEN YUGOSLAVIA PROTECT SVN INTERESTS HERE WHEN ANOTHER
SOCIALIST STATE (ROMANIA) REPRESENTED IN MANILA. FRENCHMAN
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OPINED THIS MIGHT BE INDICATION NEW VN GOVERNMENT WANTED

ITS INTERESTS PROTECTED BY NON-ALIGNED STATE AND NOT BY
MEMBER (ALBEITS MAVERICK) OF SOVIET BLOC LIKE ROMANIA.

3. COMMENT. REPORT IS STILL TOO TENUOUS FOR SPECULATION
ALONG LINES ABOVE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, WELCOME ANY INFO-
MATION ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE ON POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV PRO-
TECTION OF VN INTERESTS HERE.

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